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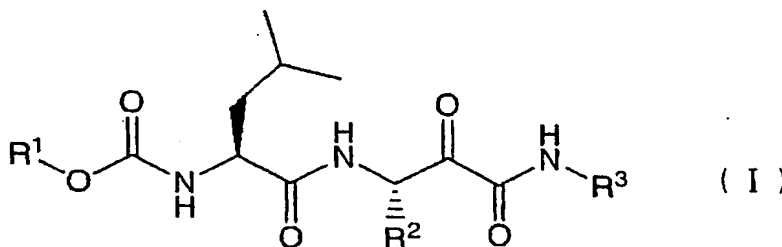
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(54) Title: ALPHA-KETOAMIDE DERIVATIVE, AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE THEREOF



(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a compound represented by the formula (I): (INSERT CHEMICAL FORMULA) (wherein R¹ is a lower alkyl substituted by a lower alkoxy or a heterocyclic group, or a heterocyclic group; R² is a lower alkyl optionally substituted by a phenyl; and R³ is a lower alkyl optionally substituted by a halogen, a lower alkoxy or a phenyl, or a fused polycyclic hydrocarbon group), which is well absorbed orally, exhibits durability of good blood level and has potent calpain inhibitory activity.